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In re Application of  
Shane Record :  
Application No. 10/776,080 :  
Filed: February 11, 2004 :  
Attorney Docket No: **WBELT-007XX** :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)<sup>1</sup>, filed May 8, 2006, to revive the above identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)". This is **not** a final agency decision.

This application became abandoned April 21, 2006 for failure to timely pay the issue fee in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 20, 2006. The instant petition and this decision precede the mailing of the Notice of Abandonment.

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<sup>1</sup>Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c).

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) however, the instant petition lacks item (1) of the regulation, the issue fee in response to the Notice of Allowance.

While a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with the appropriate fee and amendment as the submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed, the response to the Notice of Allowance hasn't been satisfied. On revival, the filing of the RCE is not a substitute for paying the issue fee.

In view thereof, the issue fee is due before a petition can be granted. The application will therefore remain in an abandoned status until such time as the issue fee has been paid.

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